

Fishbowl Discussion Guidelines

Fishbowl is a strategy for organizing group discussions to allow everyone to be both speaker and listener. The discussion will take place in the inner circle of the fishbowl. In the outer circle, participants will listen to the discussion, take notes on key ideas discussed, and think about what makes for effective small-group discussions. Only participants in the inner circle are allowed to speak. After a set amount of time has passed, the teacher will say, “Switch,” and the inner circle moves to the outer circle, and the outer circle moves to the inner circle. The roles have now reversed.

Circle one: I am starting in the: inner outer circle.

Rules for good discussions: